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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BARROW TO HEAD OPPOSITION PARTY

REF: A) BRIDGETOWN 0052

1. LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATIC LABOUR PARTY AT A MEETING JAN. 10 ELECTED DLP PRESIDENT ERROL BARROW AS LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION IN THE PARLIAMENT. BARROW, HOWEVER, LEFT BARBADOS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER FOR YALE UNIV. WHERE HE WILL TEACH FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER. HE WILL RETURN PERIODICALLY BUT NOT ASSUME HIS OPPOSITION ROLE UNTIL THE SUMMER. IN THE INTERIM FREDERICK SMITH WHOSE RESIGNATION AS LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION WAS ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK WOULD CONTINUE EXERCISING THE FULL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ROLE.

2. BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE BARROW SENT A PERSONAL CONFIDENT TO ADVISE ME THAT HE WANTS TO MEET WITH ME DURING HIS NEXT VISIT TO BARBADOS. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE HE IS CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICIES DURING THE 1975-76 PERIOD OF HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE GOB. I HOPE TO CLOSE THE BOOKS ON THAT CHAPTER.

3. COMMENT: BARROW, WHO REMAINS A HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL POLITICAL LEADER, IS OBVIOUSLY PREPARING TO RE-ENTER THE POLITICAL ARENA. HE IS RECOVERING FROM HIS UNEXPECTED AND SHAT-CONFIDENTIAL

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TERING DEFEAT. ACCORDING TO HIGH DLP LEADERS HIS ACCEPTANCE OF THE FORMAL LEADERSHIP ROLE IS A SIGN THAT THE MODERATE ELEMENTS OF THE DLP HAVE PREVAILED OVER THOSE SEEKING TO WRENCH THE PARTY LEFTWARD. BARROW'S RE-ENTRY INTO RELATIVELY ACTIVE ROLE IN PARTY MAY HAVE HEADED OFF A POSSIBLE SPLIT IN THE PARTY.
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